



# NEWS RELEASE

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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD, April 28, 2014 – For the week ending April 27, 2014, above normal temperatures and scattered rain showers were recorded in most areas of the state with larger amounts of precipitation in the northeast, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Agricultural activities included spreading fertilizer, planting corn and spring wheat, and caring for livestock. Statewide, there were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 26 short, 69 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 21 short, 77 adequate, and 1 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 31 fair, 63 good and 2 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 2 percent, compared to 0 last year and the five-year average of 2.

Spring wheat was 42 percent planted, ahead of 12 last year but behind 46 average. Six percent of spring wheat had emerged, ahead of 1 last year but behind 22 average.

Oats planted rated 60 percent complete, ahead of 29 percent last year and of 46 average. Sixteen percent of oats had emerged, ahead of 3 last year but behind 21 average.

Corn planted was 11 percent complete, ahead of 0 last year and near 10 average.

Barley planted was 19 percent complete, ahead of 13 percent last year but behind 33 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 16 fair, 74 good and 9 excellent. Calving was 75 percent complete. Cattle and calf death losses rated 12 percent below normal, 86 normal, and 2 above normal.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 17 fair, 65 good and 18 excellent. Lambing was 84 percent complete and shearing 86 percent. Sheep and lamb death losses rated 18 percent below normal, 81 normal, and 1 above normal.

Hay and forage supplies were 0 percent very short, 8 short, 85 adequate and 7 surplus.

Stock water supplies were 0 percent very short, 7 percent short, 89 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus.

*Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency, SDSU Extension Service and other reporters across the state.*

Access the National publication for Crop Progress and Condition tables at:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg//2010s/2014/CropProg-04-28-2014.pdf>

Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:

[http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update\\_region&state=SD&region=HPRCC](http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=SD&region=HPRCC)

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?SD>